



NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture • Office of Communications • News Distribution Room 460-A
1400 Independence Avenue, SW • Washington, DC 20250-1350 • Internet: news@usda.gov
Voice: (202) 720-9035 • World Wide Web: <http://www.usda.gov>

Release No.0308.98

Laura Trivers (202) 720-6959
ltrivers@usda.gov
Dann Stuart (202) 690-0474
Dan_Stuart@wdc.fsa.usda.gov

GLICKMAN EXTENDS EMERGENCY GRAZING ON CRP LANDS

DECATUR, Texas, July 28, 1998 – Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today announced that the deadline for emergency livestock grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage has been extended to November 30, 1998, for livestock producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

“I saw today, when touring drought-stricken farms in Oklahoma and Texas, that producers in this region simply don’t have adequate feed for their livestock,” Glickman said. “As a result, I am allowing livestock producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico to graze their herds on CRP acreage until the end of November, when winter wheat is available.”

Currently, producers in approved counties are authorized to graze CRP through September 30, 1998, with a 25 percent reduction in their annual CRP payment. Producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico will be allowed two additional months of emergency grazing with no additional payment reduction for this period.

Today’s action allows an extension of the deadline only for grazing in the states specifically mentioned above. CRP participants can get more information and apply for participation at their local USDA Service Center or FSA County Office.

#

NOTE: USDA news releases and media advisories are available on the Internet. Access the USDA Home Page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.usda.gov>